SUBJECT No. 563.

Remission of assessment on wet lands.

Mr. Ramanuja Iyengar, Gubbi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Tanks do not now get a sufficient supply of water on account of scanty rainfall since the year 1903. Consequently the raiyats are in a very poor condition as they are unable to raise even dry crops on the lands under the tanks. As this state of affairs is not common in other parts of the State, half the assessment on the lands under the tanks of this taluk may be remitted as a special case.

Reply of Government.—This is a matter to be dealt with by the Tank Panchayet with regard to which, proposals have been called for from the Revenue Commissioner.

SUBJECT No. 564.

Extension of the channel from Hemavati to Nonavinkere and other tanks.

Messrs. Subba Rao, Turuvekere sub-taluk and Virasetti, Tumkur District Board.

Summary of discussion.—The Mallagatta and Turuvekere tanks are important ones whose atchkat is assessed at Rs. 9,000. Their chief supply is the surplus from the Nonavinkere tank. The restoration now in hand, of the breached Ganganaghatta tank situated above Nonavinkere would cut off the supply to the Mallaghatta tank. Besides the Mallaghatta and Turuvekere tank beds are very much silted up and cannot impound water sufficient for the achkat. It is prayed that the channel from the Hemavati which has been led up to Channarayapatna may be extended up to the Nonavinkere tank, which is at a lower level. Then not only the Mallaghatta and Turuvekere tanks but also the Mayasandra tank will get a sufficient supply of water. A large extent of land in the Turuvekere sub-taluk and in the Gubbi and Kunigal taluks would, in addition, be converted from dry into wet.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the Public Works Department.

SUBJECT No. 565.

Restoration of the Ootikere tank.

Messrs. Sitaramaiya and Linge Gowda, Chiknayakanhalli taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Ootikere tank is a minor tank with an achkat of about Rs. 300. It is useful to the raiyats and cattle of five villages, *viz.*, Ootikere, Yelanahalli, Rangenahalli, Ootikere-Timlapura and Bargur. There are good lands below this tank suited for wet and garden cultivation. Consequent on the breach of the tank 3 years ago, some wet lands were scoured out deeply and are unfit for cultivation; the rest of the lands also are lying fallow. The raiyats have agreed to contribute Rs. 1,500 for the restoration of the tank for which an estimate costing Rs. 10,000 has been prepared by the Public Works Department. It is requested that the tank may be restored early.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the Public Works Department for report.